

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SONIA SAYYEDALHOSSEINI,

Plaintiff,

v.

LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:23-cv-1571-DJC-JDP (PS)

**PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER**

Pursuant to the parties' status reports, ECF Nos. 69 & 70, the court enters the following scheduling order:

**SERVICE OF PROCESS**

Service of process is undisputed.

**JOINDER OF PARTIES AND AMENDMENTS TO PLEADINGS**

No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings will be permitted except with leave of court, which will be given only upon a finding of good cause.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

Jurisdiction and venue are not disputed.

**DISCOVERY**

All discovery shall be completed by **January 15, 2027**. In this context, "completed" means that all discovery shall have been conducted; all depositions shall have been taken; any

1 disputes relative to discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate order, if necessary; and the  
2 relevant parties shall have complied with any orders relating to discovery. Motions to compel  
3 discovery shall be noticed on the undersigned's law and motion calendar in accordance with the  
4 local rules and shall be heard not later than **December 18, 2026**. The parties are advised that they  
5 must comply with the undersigned's procedures for civil matters—which require, *inter alia*, an  
6 informal discovery conference with the undersigned—before the court will consider a discovery  
7 motion.<sup>1</sup> The parties shall serve Rule 26(a) disclosures by no later than **January 23, 2026**.

#### 8 **EXPERT DISCLOSURE**

9 The parties shall designate in writing, and shall serve upon all other parties, the names of  
10 any experts whom they propose to tender at trial in accordance with the following schedule:  
11 initial expert disclosures shall be served on or before **October 30, 2026**, and any rebuttal  
12 disclosures shall be served on or before **November 20, 2026**. The designation shall be  
13 accompanied by a written report that complies with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2).

14 An expert witness not disclosed in accordance with this schedule will not be permitted to  
15 testify unless the party offering the witness demonstrates that: (a) the necessity of the witness  
16 could not have been reasonably anticipated at the time disclosure was required; (b) the court and  
17 all other parties were promptly notified upon discovery of the witness; and (c) the witness was  
18 promptly proffered for deposition. Failure to provide the information required along with the  
19 expert designation may lead to exclusion of the expert's testimony or other appropriate sanctions.

20 All experts are to be fully prepared to render an informed opinion at the time of  
21 designation so that they may fully participate in any deposition taken by the opposing party.  
22 Testimony regarding late-disclosed opinions that should have been reasonably available at the  
23 time of designation will not be permitted.

#### 24 **MOTION HEARING SCHEDULES**

25 All dispositive motions shall be completed—that is, fully heard—by **April 15, 2027**. The  
26 parties are cautioned that they must comply with the local rules regarding the requirements for  
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28 <sup>1</sup> A copy of the undersigned's procedures is available on the court's website.

1 noticing such motions on the court's regularly scheduled law and motion calendar. A non-  
2 moving party shall file with the court an opposition or statement of non-opposition to any  
3 properly noticed motion no later than fourteen days after the motion's filing. *See* E.D. Cal. L.R.  
4 230(c). Any reply by the moving party shall be filed with the court no later than ten days after the  
5 opposition's filing. *See* E.D. Cal. L.R. 230(d). Memoranda of Points and Authorities in support  
6 of or in opposition to motions shall not exceed twenty-five pages in length; reply briefs shall not  
7 exceed fifteen pages. This paragraph does not preclude motions for continuances, temporary  
8 restraining orders, or other emergency applications.

9 The parties should keep in mind that the purpose of law and motion is to narrow and  
10 refine the legal issues raised by the case, and to dispose of by pretrial motion those issues that are  
11 susceptible to resolution without trial. To accomplish that purpose, the parties need to identify  
12 and fully research the issues presented by the case, and then examine those issues in light of the  
13 evidence gleaned through discovery. If it appears to a party after examining the legal issues and  
14 facts that an issue can be resolved by pretrial motion, the party shall file the appropriate motion  
15 by the dispositive motion cutoff set forth above.

16 All purely legal issues are to be resolved by timely pretrial motion. The parties are  
17 reminded that motions in limine are procedural devices designed to address the admissibility of  
18 evidence. The parties are cautioned that the court will look with disfavor upon substantive  
19 motions presented in the guise of motions in limine at the time of trial.

#### 20 **FURTHER SCHEDULING**

21 A final pretrial conference will be set before the assigned district judge after the resolution  
22 of any dispositive motions or, if no dispositive motions are filed, after the passage of the  
23 dispositive motion deadline. A trial date will be determined at the final pretrial conference, and  
24 the parties should be prepared to confirm a trial date within 60 to 120 days from the date of the  
25 pretrial conference.

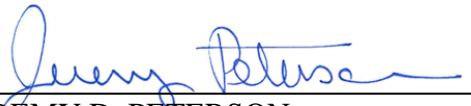
#### 26 **SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

27 A settlement conference may be set at the final pretrial conference. If the parties believe  
28 that an earlier settlement conference may be helpful in resolving the case, they may contact Judge

Peterson's Courtroom Deputy, Nic Cannarozzi, to request that one be scheduled.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 7, 2026

  
JEREMY D. PETERSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE